

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Dorothy Winchester, Director
Office of Program Development

DATE: September 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed Academic Standards

- K-12 Health and Wellness (update)
- English/Language Arts – High School Journalism (new)
- K-12 Social Studies (update)

The proposed academic standards for high school Journalism, an English/Language Arts course that did not previously have standards; the K – 12 Health and Wellness Standards; and K-12 Social Studies Standards are being presented for State Board Approval. The development process in each subject area was accomplished with assistance from K-12 classroom teachers, education experts as well as Indiana's post secondary subject-matter experts and professional organizations. These proposed standards were also benchmarked by national organizations charged with facilitating the development of high-quality state standards.

The Office of Program Development now requests that the State Board of Education approve the Proposed Indiana Academic Standards for High School Journalism, for K-12 Health and Wellness, and for K-12 Social Studies as described in IC20-31-3-2 (Development of standards) and IC20-31-3-3 (Revision of standards). These standards define what students should know and be able to do at the completion of each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12 and for specific high school courses. These proposed standards have been judged to be comprehensive and of high quality through Indiana's rigorous development and review process.

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